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SUBJ: GCOB REPORTEDLY ABOUT TO NAME FIRST DEFENSE CHIEF

1. ACCORDING TO REPORT IN APRIL 28 GUARDIAN, GCOB SHORTLY WILL NAME EX-JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE CHIEF BRIGADIER DAVID SMITH TO HEAD NEW BAHAMAS DEFENSE FORCE. SMITH REPORTEDLY ARRIVED IN NASSAU APRIL 26 TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS "WHO HAVE EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN APPOINTING HIM".

2. SMITH, IN HIS FIFTIES, RETIRED FROM JDF IN 1973, AFTER COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY REPORTED HE HAD USED MILITARY HELICOPTER TO INSPECT LAND HE WISHED TO BUY. HE IS A NATIVE OF EXUMA, BAHAMAS AND IS A BROTHER OF GCOB MINISTER OF TRANSPORT GEORGE SMITH. SINCE RETIRING, SMITH HAS RESIDED IN JAMAICA WHERE HE WAS ENGAGED IN PRIVATE BUSINESS.
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